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FEEDING THE GEESE — Two-year-old Alizae Royal feeds the geese at Towle Park Pond Tuesday morning with just a little help from her mother, Stephanie McElroy. (SDN Staff Photo)

Garza executed today for Texas drug crimes

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (AP) — With an apology for "the pain and grief that I have caused," murderer and drug kingpin Juan Raul Garza was executed this morning, eight days after Timothy McVeigh became the first federal inmate put to death since 1963.

Garza died at 7:09 a.m. by chemical injection, strapped to the same gurney where McVeigh was executed last week.

He nervously flexed his feet as Warden Harley Lappin tied the curtains back on the witness rooms. As the chemicals entered his veins, he kept his head cocked to the left, toward the room assigned to his own witnesses. His eyes slowly closed half way and his lips turned a light blue.

He went to his death calmly and, unlike McVeigh, with remorse. "I just want to say that I'm sorry, and I apologize for all the pain and grief that I have caused," he said. "I ask your forgiveness and God bless."

As Garza was being executed, about 50 anti-death penalty activists outside the U.S. Penitentiary sang "We Shall Overcome" and other protest songs.

The scene was in stark contrast to the buzz of media activity that met McVeigh's final days. Dan Dunne, a U.S. Bureau of Prisons spokesman, said only about 75 reporters had registered for credentials to cover Garza's death. More than 1,000 reporters had credentials for the McVeigh execution.

Garza, 44, was convicted of murdering a man by shooting him five times in the head and neck and ordering the deaths of two other men. It was all part of Garza's marijuana smuggling operation, which federal prosecutors say he ran ruthlessly.

He was the first person to be executed under the 1988 federal Anti-Drug Abuse Act, which imposes a death sentence for murders stemming from a drug enterprise.

Despite lingering questions about the racial and geographic equality of the federal death penalty, President Bush and the U.S. Supreme Court refused Monday to delay Garza's execution.

Investigators seek cause of blast that killed 3 firemen

NEW YORK (AP) — As purple and black bunting was draped around the doors of two fire halls, investigators sought the cause of a hardware store fire and explosion that killed three firefighters.

A police source speaking on condition of anonymity said today that two teen-age boys and others had been questioned but no arrests had been made.

Police would take over the investigation if fire marshals determine that arson or another crime was to blame for Sunday's blaze.

The store, the Long Island General Supply Co., had recently been inspected for safety hazards. It had never been cited for violations but a number of potentially explosive materials were stored in the basement.

The business, in the Astoria section of Queens, had permits to store paint thinner and lacquer and did not need a permit to store 1-pound cylinders of propane because businesses are allowed to have up to 156 such cylinders, Fire Commissioner Thomas Von Essen said Monday.

But propane must be stored above ground, and Von Essen said boxes of the 1-pound cylinders were found in the store basement. The business will likely be fined.

Von Essen added that "we have no reason to believe at this point that that was the cause of the explosion or that it exacerbated the explosion."

He said any of the materials for which the store had permits could have caused the blast, which occurred about 30 minutes after the fire began.

"Firefighters on the first floor said that the explosion caused them to be lifted up and thrown against the ceiling," Von Essen said. "So to lift up a 200-pound person and 100 pounds of equipment, it had to be a violent explosion."

He said the men might have survived if the building had been equipped with a sprinkler system, although one wasn't required because the 128-year-old building was erected before city laws required sprinklers.

Two victims, Harry Ford, 50, and John Downing, 40, were crushed to death when the roof and facade fell on them. Brian Fahey, 46, was trapped inside the building.

Commisioners hear insurance report

Scurry County Commissioners Court reconvened this morning to meet with Angela Oberpriller, a representative from the Texas Association of Counties, concerning health insurance coverage for county employees.

Oberpiriler, an employee benefits specialist with TAC, was in Snyder to update the court on what the organization is doing to better benefit its members.

"We are currently in negotiations with Blue Cross/Blue Shield," she said. "We want to make sure we're getting the best for our counties."

Oberpriller added that she is impressed with the benefits Scurry County provides its employees, particularly its retirees.

County Judge Ricky Fritz said he estimated that the county pays 70 percent of retired employees' insurance costs.

Oberpriller said many counties pay nothing for retirees and some even go as far as eliminating them from the county's coverage.

Scurry County currently contracts with Blue Cross/Blue Shield for health insurance. The contract will be open for renewal in October and will be part of the budget talks this summer.

Fritz presided and commissioners Ralph Trevey, Roy Idom and Howard Limmer were present. Commissioner Chloanne Lindsey was absent.

BCD to meet Wednesday

The Board of County Development will meet at noon Wednesday for its quarterly meeting.

One item of new business awaits the board and it involves providing financial assistance to the chamber of commerce for the purchase of one of the buffalo statues that was recently on display at Scurry County Coliseum.

The full-size buffalo statue that will be permanently displayed in Snyder is white, and has an Indian theme painted on it featuring the likeness of Quanah Parker.

The BCD board will also review its financial statements and consider bills for payment.

The board meets in the Development Corporation of Snyder boardroom in the American State Bank building.

City council to begin budget work tonight

Snyder's city council will begin budget work for fiscal year 2002 when it meets this evening at 5:30 at city hall.

The city administration is proposing to keep the present tax rate - $0.4246 per $100 valuation – for the year that begins Oct. 1.

No increases in water, sewer or sanitation rates are planned.

Major capital expenditures for the coming year includes $414,000 for the water distribution department, $384,000 for the sanitation department, including the landfill, and $109,000 in the police department.

Planned expenditures in the police department include replacing four high-mileage police vehicles.

Staff is recommending that the council adopt the compensation plan as result of a study done by Waters Consulting.

Adoption would realign positions and pay in hopes of reducing the city's almost 17 per cent employee turnover rate.

If adopted, the total impact on the proposed budget would be $296,061. The number of fulltime positions has been reduced by attrition from 86 to 83.

The council is expected to focus on the salary issue at its second budget workshop on July 9.

Area sales tax rebates

City	June '01	June '00	+/-	Year '01	Year '00	+/-
Abilene	$1,798,767.84	$1,719,063.63	4.63%	$12,573,296.24	$12,280,497.57	2.54%
Big Spring	$269,762.78	$261,576.03	3.12%	$1,886,378.07	$1,783,996.49	5.73%
Colorado City	$28,521.995	$31,051.66	-8.14%	$211,940.50	$219,528.68	-3.54%
Lamesa	$58,627.74	$58,811.81	-.31%	$445,056.97	$435,295.56	2.24%
Lubbock	$1,926,321.56	$2,100,348.30	-8.28%	$14,091,971.09	$13,734,232.53	2.60%
Post	$32,262.09	$20,212.65	59.61%	$150,704.32	$130,408.29	15.56%
Roby	$1,053.74	$1,343.37	-21.55%	$11,759.17	$15,081.35	22.02%
Rotan	$6,588.47	$7,752.87	-15.01%	$65,454.55	$64,065.28	2.16%
Snyder	$94,288	$104,132.12	-9.45%	$697,938.79	$718,767.69	-2.89%
Sweetwater	$125,679.56	$128.009.01	-1.81%	$915,471.96	$937,415.67	-2.34%

SALES TAX REBATES — The sales tax rebate to the City of Snyder for the month of June is down 9.45 percent compared to the same month in 2000. Snyder's check is $94,288 compared to $104,132.12 last June. The month's sales tax rebates represent taxes collected in April and reported to the comptroller in May.

ASK US

Q—What is the name of the company that is cleaning up the old Basin Wax property off Highway 84 and FM 1611?

A—It is V-tech Environmental Services from Lubbock.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 95 degrees; low, 70; 7 a.m. Monday, 72; no precipitation; total for 2001, 9.01 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear, low near 70. Wednesday, mostly sunny, high mid 90s. Wednesday night, partly cloudy, 20% rain chance.



Jessie Hibbitt
Sunny

Sunset: 8:51 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:41 a.m.

Of 169 days in 2001, the sun has shone 157 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Happiness is not created by what happens to us, but by our attitudes toward each happening.

—Walter Heily

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Just about the time you start winning the rat race, you run into faster rats."

Mrs. Roy Sallee passed it along to Truman Wilson who thought fellow SDN readers might like it.

We've seen variations of it before, but it's interesting reading, especially for those whose maturity is at least middle-aged.

It was titled especially for those born before 1945.

"We were born before television, before penicillin, before polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, plastic, contact lenses and the pill.

"We were before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams and ballpoint pens.

"Before panty hose, dishwashers, clothes dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip dry clothes...and before man walked on the moon.

"We got married first, and then lived together. How quaint can you be? In our time, closets were for clothes, not for coming out of.

"Bunnies were small rabbits and rabbits were not Volkswagens. Designer jeans were scheming girls named Jean, and having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with our cousins.

"We thought fast food was what you ate during Lent, and outer space was the back of the Riviera Theater. We were before house husbands, gay rights, computer dating, dual careers and computer marriages.

"We were before day care centers, group therapy and nursing homes. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electronic typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yogurt and guys wearing earrings.

"For us, time-sharing meant togetherness, not condominiums. A chit meant a piece of wood. Hardware meant hardware, and software wasn't even a word.

"Back then, 'Made in Japan' meant junk and 'making out' referred to how you did on your exam. Instant coffee was unheard of. We hit the scene when there were 5 & 10-cent stores, where you bought things for 5 & 10 cents. For a nickel you could ride a streetcar, make a phone call or buy enough stamps to mail one letter and two postcards.

"You could buy a new Chevy for $600, but who could afford one? A pity too, because gas was 11 cents a gallon.

"In our day, grass was mowed, coke was a cold drink and pot was something you cooked in. Rock music was Grandma's lullaby and Aids were helpers in the principal's office. We certainly were not before the difference between sexes was discovered, but certainly before the sex change. We made do with what we had.

"No wonder we are so confused and there is such a generation gap. But we survived. What a better reason to celebrate?"

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3 areas of concern remain in Texas prisons

AUSTIN (AP) — Although Texas' prison system has improved, a federal judge says constitutional violations persist in connection with inmate safety, use of force and segregation of some inmates.

U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice terminated federal oversight today of several areas of the state's prison system and ordered the two sides in a 29-year-old lawsuit to reach an agreement within 90 days on measures to resolve the three remaining issues.

"Over the past 29 years, the TDCJ-ID (Institutional Division) has vastly improved the system that at one point was incapable of description — the conditions so pernicious and the inmates' pain and degradation so extensive," Justice wrote today in a 33-page ruling in the case begun in 1972.

"Yet, constitutional violations persist in the Texas prisons as was determined by this court two years ago."

Justice terminated federal oversight of several areas, including staffing, support services, discipline, access to courts, crowding, health services and death row in the nation's largest prison system.

He said in three major areas — condition of confinement in administrative segregation, the failure to provide reasonably safety to inmates against assault and abuse, and the excessive use of force by correctional officers in Texas prisons — prisoners "remain victims of an unconstitutional system."

"So long as these conditions persist, this civil action will remain alive," Justice wrote.

"The court is giving Texas prison officials the first opportunity to decide how the remaining constitutional violations will be ended," attorneys Donna Brorby and Gail Saliterman said.

Brorby and Saliterman said the court now is insisting that Texas prison officials protect prisoners from rape and victimization by other prisoners and brutality by officers and to treat mental illness instead of warehousing psychotics in administrative segregation.

"The court will not terminate all orders in Ruiz for so long as Texas prison administrators fail in their responsibilities to protect prisoners and provide them with basic human necessities," the attorneys said.

Texas Attorney General John Cornyn said the ruling puts Texas one step closer to freedom from federal oversight of the prison system.

"By his ruling today, Judge Justice correctly relinquished most federal control of the prison system in light of the vast improvements made since this case began 29 years ago," he said.

"However, I disagree with Judge Justice's finding that certain aspects of our prison system require continued federal intervention," said Cornyn.

Cornyn said he will appeal part of the ruling to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice received the ruling late in the day and would not comment.

Justice's ruling stems from a 1972 case filed by inmate David Ruiz, who claimed prison conditions were so brutal and crowded they amounted to cruel and unusual punishment, a constitutional violation.

Justice agreed in 1981 and the state's eventual response was to spend billions of dollars on new prisons and improvements.

Most federal controls were lifted in a 1992 settlement but the judge retained oversight. It was that control state officials want to end.

In March, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals had given Justice 90 days to decide whether Texas has improved its state prisons enough to be free of his oversight. The appeals court said Justice needed to define specifically any problems he found in the prisons and determine how they violated his orders.

That March ruling reversed Justice's refusal in 1999 to completely surrender oversight of the Texas prisons but returned the case back to him.

Housing suit back to district court

DALLAS (AP) — A federal appeals court ordered a lower court Monday to dismiss all of the racial discrimination class claims filed against the city of Dallas and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development over demolished homes.

Irma Jean James and Terri Lary had sued in 1998 after homes they owned were demolished. James said she didn't get notice of the planned demolition. Lary tried to complete requested repairs to her residence but said she didn't get notice of the demolition the city ordered.

The lawsuit alleged racial discrimination in the lack of proper notice about the demolition of the homes, which they said could have been repaired.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans sent the lawsuit back to district court. The appeals court said Lary and James did not have standing to seek the relief requested for the race discrimination class. The court instructed the district court to dismiss all the racial discrimination class claims against the city and HUD and to remove HUD from the lawsuit since the only claims against HUD were based on the race discrimination class.

The court also threw out some of the claims James and Lary made.

James' home in Oak Cliff had been vacant since 1994. The Dallas Urban Rehabilitation Standards Board said the home was repairable but issued a demolition order.

James, who then lived in Duncanville, didn't receive notice of the proceedings. One notice was sent to the vacant address and another to an incorrect address for her. The house was demolished in February 1994 and a lien was placed on the property for the costs of demolition, the court said.

Lary's home was demolished in 1995. She had been alerted to the hearing on her property and made some of the repairs the URSB mandated. The city said she failed to get the proper permits for the repairs and failed to complete the repairs. URSB sent a default notice to a wrong address and the house itself. Lary, who was living at another address in Dallas, did not receive notice of the demolition, the court said.

The plaintiffs had argued that the city considered the race of the occupants of the area or race of the property owners when deciding whether to demolish a home.

The district court found that the plaintiffs' evidence showed a pattern continuing of targeting of predominantly black neighborhoods begun at the inception of HUD and the city's Community Development Block Grant code enforcement and demolition program in the mid-1970s.

The appeals court denied a request for a permanent injunction to prevent the city from destroying repairable structures owned by blacks or in predominantly black areas and halt demolitions without adequate notice.

"Because neither of the named plaintiffs owns undemolished property in the city that would be subject to the proposed injunctions, the named plaintiffs cannot demonstrate that this requested relief will offer them redress," the 5th Circuit said.

Emily Hardy on Dean's list at ASU

SAN ANGELO — Emily Hardy, a 1999 Ira High School graduate, has been named to the Dean's List at Angelo State University.

Hardy, an English major, is the daughter of Buddy and Amy Hardy of Ira. Selma Brown of Snyder is her grandmother.

Scotty Nichols on Dean's List

ABILENE — Scotty Nichols of Snyder has been named to the Dean's List at McMurry University.

To be eligible, students must complete 12 or more hours and maintain a 3.5-4.0 grade point average.

Tiffany Jones earns degree

AMARILLO — Tiffany Chere Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dan Jones of Snyder, graduated from Texas Tech School of Pharmacy May 20 with a doctor of pharmacy degree.

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center's Amarillo-based School of Pharmacy graduated its second class at the Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza.

5 from Snyder on HSU honor lists

ABILENE — Five Snyder residents have been named to the Hardin-Simmons University honors lists for the spring 2001 semester.

Cara Best and Lisa McNair made the President's List, Kevin Hildebrand and Jessica Smith are included on the HSU honors list, and Brandi Johnson was named to the Honor Roll.

The HSU President's List honors students who complete at least 12 semester hours with a 4.0 grade point average. The HSU Dean's List honors students who complete at least 12 semester hours with a 3.75 grade point average. The HSU Honor Roll is for students who complete at least 12 semester hours with a grade point average of 3.6 or better.

Trey Gorman on BU Dean's List

WACO — Trey Gorman, son of Jack and Kim Gorman of Snyder, has been named to the Dean's Academic Honor List at Baylor University. He is a 2000 graduate of Snyder High School.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be an undergraduate with a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Granddaughter of locals earns degree in law

Christy Drake-Adams, daughter of Marie Drake and the late Johnny Drake, graduated from Baylor Law School in November, 2000.

She currently resides in Austin with her husband, Jerry, and son, Aidan.

Christy practices local government and administrative law at the firm of Bickerstaff, Heath, Smiley, Pollan, Kever and McDaniel, LLP.

Grandparents include Virginia Drake of Midland and the late Jack Drake, and Hank and Natalie Clark of Snyder.

McGrew graduates

JONESBORO, Ark. — Trisha Marie McGrew, former Snyder resident, has received a bachelor's of art in social work at Arkansas State University.

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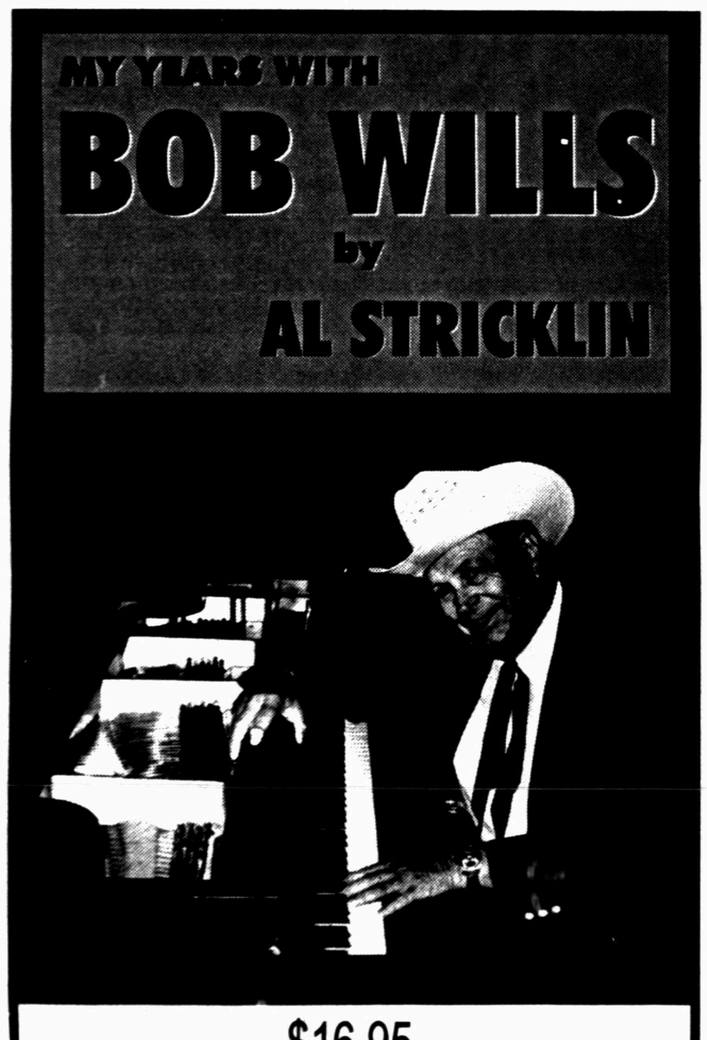
AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

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Tuesday, June 19, 2001

Today is the 170th day of 2001 and the 92nd day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1913, the American Association of Immunologists was founded.

On this day in 1959, the U.S. Senate rejected President Dwight Eisenhower's nomination of Lewis Strauss for secretary of commerce. Between the years 1925 and 1989, the nomination of Strauss was the only one rejected by the full Senate.

On this day in 1978, "Garfield," a comic strip created by Jim Davis, appeared in newspapers for the first time.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Blaise Pascal (1623-1662), philosopher-mathematician-physicist; Guy Lombardo (1902-1977), bandleader; Lou Gehrig (1903-1941), baseball great; Abe Fortas (1919-1982), U.S. Supreme Court justice; Salman Rushdie (1947-), writer, is 54; Paula Abdul (1962-), singer-dancer, is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1967, Katherine Murphy became the first woman to play 150 holes of golf in a row.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I have made this letter a rather long one, only because I didn't have the leisure to make it shorter." — Blaise Pascal

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (June 13) and new moon (June 21).

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Half of all languages face extinction

WASHINGTON (AP) — Marie Smith has plenty of friends, but few she can talk to in her native tongue.

She is the last known speaker of Eyak, a language native to Alaska and one that is expected to become extinct when the 83-year-old Smith passes away.

"It's horrible to be alone," she told The Associated Press on Monday. "I have a lot of friends. I have all kinds of children yet I have no one to speak to" in Eyak.

Eyak isn't the only language with a grim future. Among the world's 6,800 tongues, half to 90 percent could become extinct by the end of the century, linguists predict.

One reason is because half of all languages are spoken by fewer than 2,500 people each, according to the Worldwatch Institute, a private organization that monitors global trends.

Languages need at least 100,000 speakers to survive the ages, says UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

War and genocide, fatal natural disasters, the adoption of more dominant languages such as Chinese and Russian, and government bans on language also contribute to their demise.

"In some ways it's similar to what threatens species," said Payal Sampat, a Worldwatch researcher who wrote about the issue for the institute's May-June magazine.

Udihe and Arikapu, spoken in Siberia and the Amazon jungle, are also among the endangered.

About 100 people speak Udihe and Arikapu is down to its last six speakers, Worldwatch says. Linguists also confirm that Smith is the last known speaker of Eyak.

It's becoming a struggle, too, to find many who can say "thank you" in the Navajo language of the American Indian tribe (ahehee), "hello" in the Maori language of New Zealand (kia ora), or state proudly in Cornish: "Me na vyn cows Sawsnak!" (I will not speak English!).

The losses ripple far beyond the affected communities. When a language dies, linguists, anthropologists and others lose rich sources of material for their work documenting a people's history, finding out what they knew and tracking their movements.

And the world, linguistically speaking, becomes less diverse.

In January, an earthquake in western India killed an estimated 30,000 speakers of Kutchi, leaving about 770,000.

Manx, from the Isle of Mann in the Irish Sea, disappeared in 1974 when its last speaker died. In 1992, a Turkish farmer's passing marked the end of Ubykh, a language from the Caucasus region with the most consonants on record, 81.

Eight countries account for more than half of all languages. They are, in order: Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, Nigeria, India, Mexico, Cameroon, Australia and Brazil.

That languages die isn't new; thousands are believed to have disappeared already.

"The distinguishing thing is it's happening at such an alarming rate right now," said Megan Crowhurst, chairwoman of the Linguistic Society of America's endangered languages committee.

Linguists believe 3,400 to 6,120 languages could become extinct by 2100, a statistic much grimmer than the common estimate of about one language death every two weeks.

But some languages are coming back from the dead, so to speak.

In 1983, Hawaiians created 'Aha Punana Leo to reintroduce their native language throughout the state, including its public schools. Hawaiian nearly became extinct after the United States banned schools from teaching students in the language after annexing the country in 1898.

Jury selection starts in tobacco lawsuit

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Jury selection began Monday in a statewide class-action lawsuit against the nation's tobacco companies, seeking to force cigarette makers to pay for medical testing and to help smokers in Louisiana quit.

The suit, filed in 1997, claims that tobacco companies manipulated nicotine levels to keep people addicted.

Unlike more high-profile tobacco trials, such as in Florida where the industry was hit by a $145 billion judgment in July 2000 and a $3 billion award by a Los Angeles jury on June 6 to a cancer-stricken smoker, an eye-popping punitive damage award does not appear possible because of state caps on such damages.

Jury selection could take up to two months and the trial could take a year, said Christine Cox, a spokeswoman for a national group of attorneys handling suits against the tobacco industry.

The suit will be held by Civil District Judge Richard Ganucheau in two phases.

The first will cover whether nicotine in cigarettes caused two women listed as class representatives, Gloria Scott and Deanna Jackson, to continue smoking, and whether cigarettes are defective products under state liability law. That phase also will address whether quit-smoking programs and medical monitoring are justified for the two women.

The same jury then will decide whether the entire class, which could include 500,000 or more Louisiana smokers, is entitled to similar benefits and how to award common damages.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Overeaters Anonymous, Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 574-1254, 573-8322 or 573-3733; 6:30 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

AA Beginner's Meeting-Open; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-4048,; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

Storytime at the Scurry County Library for 4- and 5-year-olds; 10 a.m.

Spiritual Solutions for Living Problems Book Study; Snyder Park Club; 6 p.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-8018; 8p.m.

THURSDAY

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

Rock and Roll Quilting Club evening meeting; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-4048; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center; 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Just For Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-9458; 10 a.m.

MAWC luncheon on Sunday

Martha Ann Woman's Club directors have planned a Sunday luncheon on June 24th at the clubhouse located south of the hospital.

The luncheon is $10 per person and $4 per child. Proceeds will be used to maintain the woman's club.

Serving will begin at 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. for the meal, catered by Sandra Brace.

Several clubs do not meet during the summer which in turn drops the income but expenses of operating the clubhouse is ongoing.

The club is available weddings, showers, groups and organizations by contacting the caterer. Tickets may be purchased by calling MAWC at 573-3427, Jan at 573-6443 or Jane at 573-5586.

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Amelia Bloomer, the suffragette who lent her name to women's baggy trousers, was botn in 1910.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Peeping Tom's wife must be told to see the light

DEAR ABBY: In your reply to "Worried Neighbor," you asked that the couple who found the neighbor peeping not tell his wife. As the wife of a Peeping Tom, let me tell you the kindest thing they could do would be to tell her. This behavior becomes riskier and riskier in order to achieve the same thrill. With therapy, the couple may be able to salvage their marriage and his self-respect. But, like all addictions, only when he reaches bottom will he get the help he needs. Please reconsider and suggest that they tell the wife.

Please do not reveal my name or location. It has been 15 years since my husband acted out, and our children are unaware of his past. — **BEEN THERE**

DEAR BEEN THERE: I advised the neighbor to inform the woman who was being victimized as well as the police — but not the wife — out of concern that the wife would go into denial if she heard it from a neighbor. I felt she would have more difficulty denying it if she heard it from the police. Please read on.

DEAR ABBY: My letter is in response to the one in your column about the Peeping Tom. Your advice was 100 percent correct. My first husband was a Peeping Tom. If someone had told me about my husband, I wouldn't have believed him or her and probably would have gotten angry with that person.

My husband was well thought of, and you can't imagine that someone you love and admire would be capable of doing something like that. He lied so convincingly about why he was late — and even when he was eventually arrested — I not only believed him, but most people other than the police did too.

Abby, Peeping Toms do not get over it. They just get worse. They think there is nothing wrong with them.

We were trying to have another baby when he was arrested the first time. Naturally we put it off until the trial was over. Can you believe he was only fined for trespassing? The witnesses were a policeman and a minister, but the jury believed my husband. He explained it away.

My husband was arrested three times in our 12-year marriage for peeping. I finally had to face facts. When I did, I had a nervous breakdown.

He married again, molested his stepdaughters and was sent to prison. He could have gotten out on probation after he served a couple of years if he had agreed to have therapy. He chose to stay in prison rather than seek help because he insisted there wasn't anything wrong with him.

If you print this, please do not use my name. It has been 25 years since I left him, but I remember the shame and disbelief as if it were yesterday. Even today some people think it was all a mistake. — **TRUSTING WIFE IN TEXAS**

DEAR TRUSTING WIFE: Thank you for relating your personal experience. Others can learn from it. The problem with getting hooked on danger — and this can apply to things other than peeping — is that increasingly stronger doses are required to satisfy the addict.

P.S. I was curious about where the term "Peeping Tom" originated. According to the Webster's Deluxe Encyclopedic Edition of the English Language, it originated in the 11th century. When Lady Godiva rode naked through the streets of Coventry on a dare from her husband, Leofric, Earl of Mercia, to obtain a reduction in taxes, everyone averted their eyes from the lady except for one man named Tom, who became the first "Peeping Tom."

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Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



When you have to bid a suit

	North ♠ K Q 7 ♥ A 2 ♦ Q 10 9 3 ♣ K J 10 3	06-19-01
West ♠ J 6 5 ♥ K Q 10 8 3 ♦ A 4 2 ♣ A 6		East ♠ 9 3 2 ♥ J 9 6 ♦ K 8 6 ♣ 7 5 4 2
	South ♠ A 10 8 4 ♥ 7 5 4 ♦ J 7 5 ♣ Q 9 8	

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
	1 ♥	Dbl.	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	Pass	2 ♥
2 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

By Phillip Alder

We are looking at replying to partner's takeout double. He is asking you to name the unbid suit where you have greatest length. So, unless going straight into no-trump, which we covered yesterday, you usually do that; and simultaneously you give partner an idea of your hand strength. If you make a simple, nonjump suit bid, you show some 0-8 points — yes, you may have a Yarborough. You pass, converting your partner's takeout double into a penalty double, only when lloonngg and ssttrroonngg in the opener's suit.

Before you look at the auction, can South win nine tricks in spades after West leads the heart king?

South's one spade shows four or more spades and 0-8 points.

East contests with two hearts because he is a disciple of the Law of Total Tricks. One corollary of this law is that you should bid as high as your combined trump length. So, with eight hearts, bid at least to the eight-trick level.

South should act again because he has a maximum. A double would work well here because two hearts is slated to lose three spades, one heart, one diamond and one club. That would give North-South 200 points. However, with all his points in the suits partner has advertised, it is "normal" for South to continue with two spades.

After West leads the heart king, declarer has several lines to eight tricks. Yet if he hopes for nine tricks, the defense has an answer to all his maneuvers. However, South can make it difficult by ducking at trick one. Then, to hold South to eight tricks, West must switch to the club six and only the club six!

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The test of faith

Faith shows itself in actions that require faith for us to do. There are many things we will do whether we have faith or not. We may go to a foreign country, visit the people, learn about the culture and have a great experience while we do. It may be an act of faith on our part, but it may be something we do without any faith at all.

In Hebrews 11 we are given many examples of faith. The chapter reads like a "Who's Who" of the Bible. Most of the main characters of the Old Testament are there. Abel, Noah, Abraham, Joseph, and Moses are just some of the people mentioned in this chapter. They give us examples of faith, but their example of faith is not just the fact that they believed. The writer of Hebrews begins each thought with the phrase, "by faith." As we read on we see that "by faith" these people of old, "offered God a better sacrifice," "built an ark," "obeyed and went," "made his home in the promised land," etc. In other words, by faith these people acted. They were obedient to God. Some of their actions were big, like Noah's building of the ark. Others were seemingly small, like Isaac blessing Jacob and Esau. All of them were important because they were acts of faith.

In Matthew 8:10 we find Jesus astonished at the faith of a Roman centurion who believed that Jesus could heal his servant just by saying the word. As we read through the gospels, we find Jesus looking for faith in the words and actions of those he saw and taught. He is doing the same thing with us. When he looks at our life, does he see faith in action? Do others around us? That is really the issue. It is not the greatness of our life but the faith that is seen in our life that is really important.

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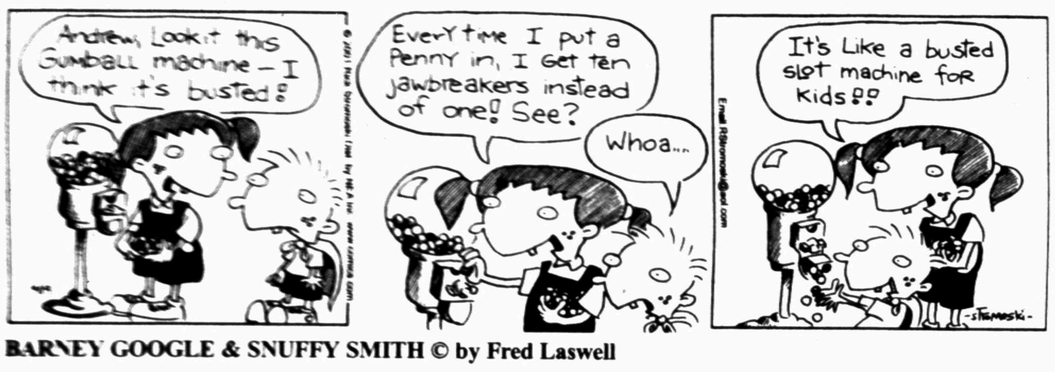
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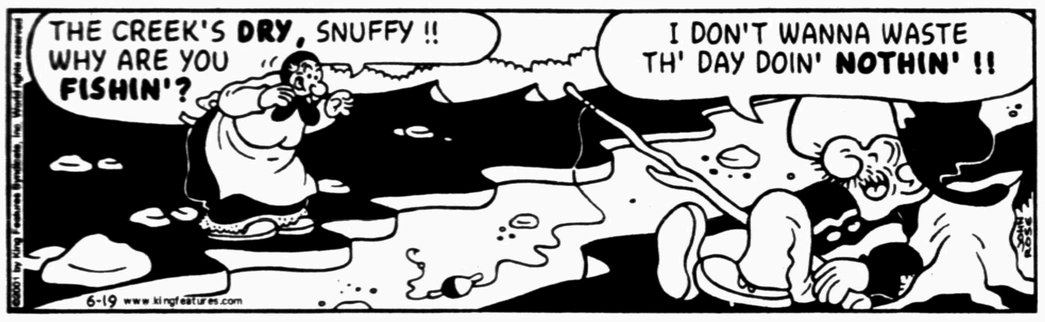
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1 Marilyn —
7 Handy (2 wds.)
12 Ethics
13 Hawk
14 Swiss cottage
15 Find the position of
16 Chemical suffix
17 Miner's find
18 Eggs
21 Composer's concern
23 Mil. school
26 Brownish-purple
28 Architect — van der Rohe
29 Large snake
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31 Enjoyed oneself (sl.)
33 Monsterlike
36 Persian elf
37 — Remo
38 Catches
40 Circle parts
41 Hesitation sounds
42 Actress Helen —
44 Southeast Asian holiday
45 Dyeing container
46 Clam genus
48 Esprit de corps
51 Like mosaic tiles
55 Wore away
56 Ohio city
57 Spirited horse
58 Phonograph inventor

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4 Bad throat sound
5 Fragrant
6 Regard highly
7 Golden sherry
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9 Actress Merkel
10 Series of games
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13 Secret wedding participant
18 Resist
19 Unrefined
20 Fruits of the oak
22 Potent
23 Turn over (a coin)
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25 Cruel person
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32 — -Locka, FL
34 Took a breath
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39 Hebrew, e.g.
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53 Bachelor's last words
54 Actor Johnson

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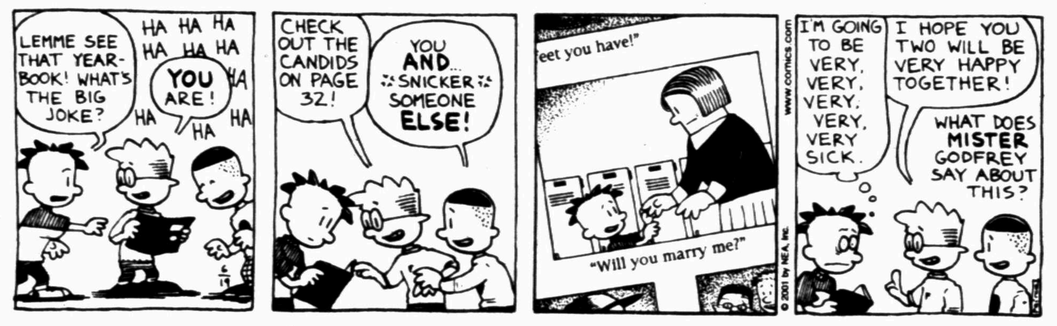
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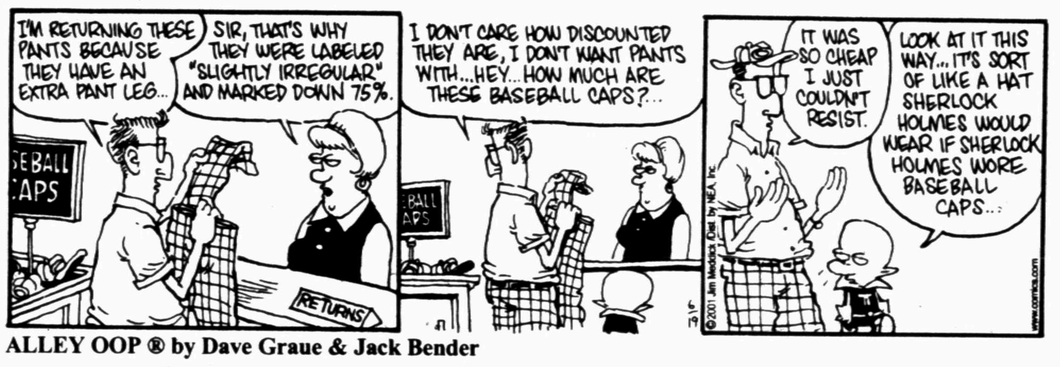
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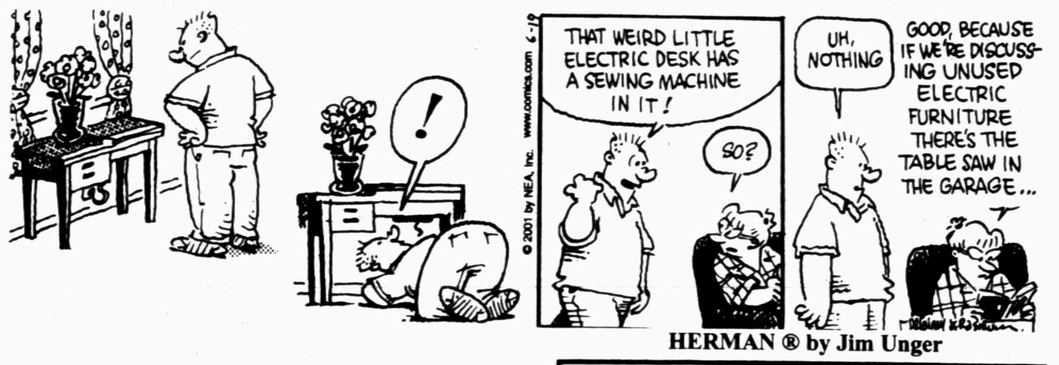
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SPORTS

South African holds off Texan in Open playoff

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — For Retief Goosen, the tortuous ordeal lasted just one day.

When given a chance to atone for one of golf's most embarrassing moments, the soft-spoken South African made sure he wouldn't have to go through life as the guy who missed a 2-foot putt to win the U.S. Open.

No, he'll be remembered as a U.S. Open champion.

"I felt like I needed to win this because of what happened," Goosen said Monday, savoring a 2-stroke victory over Mark Brooks of Fort Worth in the first Open playoff since 1994. "When the putt went in, it was great relief. In a way, I was a little bit shocked that I won it."

That's understandable, considering what Goosen went through Sunday evening. Just 12 feet from his first major victory and given two putts to make it happen, he needed three.

Suddenly, a golfer who was barely known on this side of the Atlantic at the beginning of the tournament was linked with Jan Van de Velde, Scott Hoch, Ed Sneed and Doug Sanders — all the victims of unspeakable collapses that let major victories slip away.

The others also had a chance to make amends, only to stumble under the weight of bitter disappointment. Goosen was different, responding with rock-solid play in the 18-hole playoff to beat the 40-year-old Brooks.

With the trophy in his hand, the new champion could even poke fun as his misfortune.

"(Sunday) was quite funny, actually," Goosen said. "I sort of laughed to myself when I missed that short putt to win, like I couldn't believe what just happened."

A day later, Goosen walked to the final hole with a 3-stroke lead over Brooks, having erased all memories of the Sunday debacle. He even pulled out that dreaded putter while still 100 feet off the green, taking a conservative approach.

"I knew this time I had it in the bag," Goosen said.

He could afford a 3-putt from 25 feet to clinch a belated victory, but needed only two, rolling the second try into the middle of the cup from 6 feet for bogey and an even-par round of 70.



ALL-AROUND COWGIRL — Post senior Emily Smith and her father, Perry, display the saddle and buckles Smith received en route to the year-long all-around title of the Tri-State Rodeo Association. (Contributed Photo)

Post senior earns rodeo title

Post High School senior Emily Smith captured this year's Tri-State Rodeo Association all-around title.

Smith is the daughter of Perry and Kelly Smith. She is the granddaughter of Franklin and Sherry Bryant of Ira and Larry and Wanda Smith of Gail.

Smith wrapped up the all-round crown at the Tri-State Finals earlier this month in Amarillo, holding off three competitors in the tight points race.

The Post cowgirl competes in barrel racing, goat tying, breakaway roping and pole bending. She was chosen as a member of the Wrangler Texas High School All-Star Rodeo Team, and will compete next month in an international event at Shawnee, Okla.

Sports Briefs

Basketball tourney

The Midnight Madness 3-on-3 basketball tournament is Friday at the Boys and Girls Club. Teams will be divided into three age groups, 11-13, 14-18 and 19-up. Cost is $30 per team and deadline to register is Thursday. For more information, call 573-3344.

Western Texas MGA

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College holds its weekly event at 6 p.m. each Tuesday. Format is two-man low net.

Volleyball camp

Snyder volleyball camp is scheduled for July 16-19 from 9 a.m. until noon each day. Incoming fifth through ninth grade girls are eligible, and cost is $40. Deadline to register is July 13.

For more information, call Coach Patty Grimmett at 573-9416 or 575-1785. If no answer, leave a message.

Tuesday scramble and all-day MGA

The Men's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club holds its weekly scramble at 5:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

Also, an all-day MGA event is held each Thursday.

Athletic physicals

Seventh and ninth grade SISD athletes, and anyone who has never participated in Snyder athletics must take a physical. SISD will pay for the physicals through Aug. 3.

An appointment should be made with one of the following doctors: Raykov, Burleson, Cooper, Thompson, Nussey, Wobolt, or P.A. Beth Ashley.

All SISD athletes must return completed athletic forms to the athletic director's office or Steve Kreuger.

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Cleveland	6	3	.667	—
New York	5	3	.625	½
Miami	4	3	.571	1
Detroit	3	4	.429	2
Washington	2	5	.286	3
Indiana	2	6	.250	3½
Orlando	2	6	.250	3½
Charlotte	1	7	.125	4½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

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Los Angeles	8	0	1.000	—
Houston	5	1	.833	2
Portland	4	2	.667	3
Seattle	5	4	.556	3½
Sacramento	4	4	.500	4
Utah	3	3	.500	4
Phoenix	4	5	.444	4½
Minnesota	2	4	.333	5

Monday's Games
Orlando 72, Indiana 65
Seattle 60, Charlotte 52

Tuesday's Games
Washington at Houston, ppd., flood damage
New York at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Seattle at Portland, 10 p.m.
Charlotte at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
No games scheduled

Major League Baseball

National League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	39	28	.582	—
Atlanta	36	32	.529	3½
Florida	35	33	.515	4½
New York	31	39	.443	9½
Montreal	27	43	.386	13½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	41	26	.612	—
St. Louis	37	32	.536	5
Houston	34	33	.507	7
Milwaukee	34	33	.507	7
Cincinnati	25	43	.368	16½
Pittsburgh	23	43	.349	17½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	42	27	.609	—
Los Angeles	37	32	.536	5
San Francisco	37	32	.536	5
Colorado	36	33	.522	6
San Diego	31	38	.449	11

Monday's Games
Milwaukee 6, Cincinnati 4
N.Y. Mets 2, Montreal 1
Florida 7, Atlanta 6
Houston 13, Colorado 5
St. Louis 6, Chicago Cubs 2

Tuesday's Games
Milwaukee (Sheets 7-4) at Cincinnati (Acevedo 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Chen 2-3) at Pittsburgh (Beimel 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (Mattes 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 1-8), 7:10 p.m.
Florida (Smith 3-2) at Atlanta (Marquis 1-0), 7:35 p.m.
Colorado (Chacon 4-3) at Houston (Oswalt 4-1), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Bere 4-3) at St. Louis (Morris 8-4), 8:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Ortiz 8-4) at San Diego (Eaton 7-3), 10:05 p.m.
Arizona (Johnson 8-4) at Los Angeles (Dreifort 4-5), 10:10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Milwaukee at Cincinnati, 12:35 p.m.
Florida at Atlanta, 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
Montreal at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
Colorado at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, 8:10 p.m.
San Francisco at San Diego, 10:05 p.m.
Arizona at Los Angeles, 10:10 p.m.

American League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	40	27	.597	—
New York	39	29	.573	1½
Baltimore	32	36	.471	8½
Toronto	32	37	.464	9
Tampa Bay	21	47	.309	19½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	41	26	.612	—
Cleveland	40	26	.606	½
Chicago	31	35	.470	9½
Detroit	28	38	.424	12½
Kansas City	27	42	.391	15

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	52	16	.765	—
Anaheim	33	34	.493	18½
Oakland	33	35	.485	19
Texas	24	43	.358	27½

Monday's Games
Baltimore 3, Toronto 2
N.Y. Yankees 10, Detroit 1
Chicago White Sox 5, Kansas City 4
Oakland 4, Seattle 3

Tuesday's Games
Toronto (Hamilton 3-3) at Baltimore (Towers 4-1), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Keisler 1-1) at Detroit (Sparks 4-2), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Milton 7-3) at Cleveland (Colon 5-6), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Wakefield 4-1) at Tampa Bay (Rekar 1-7), 7:15 p.m.
Kansas City (Suppan 3-5) at Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 2-4), 8:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Schoeneweis 6-4) at Texas (Bell 0-0), 8:35 p.m.
Seattle (Abbott 6-2) at Oakland (Heredia 4-5), 10:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Kansas City at Chicago White Sox, 2:05 p.m.
Toronto at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Detroit, 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.
Boston at Tampa Bay, 7:15 p.m.
Anaheim at Texas, 8:35 p.m.
Seattle at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.



ALL-STARS — Snyder's Junior League All-Stars begin tournament play July 3 in Sweetwater. Members of the team are, front from left, Bradley Price, Garrett Pinson, Dustin Williams, Chris Smith, Wesley Price, Cade Simpson, Damion Reece and Tanner Bloom. On the back row are Coach Adrian Ramos, Barrett Bowlin, Eric Martinez, Cade Owen, Zach Garcia, Blaine Minton, Jason Ramos, Coach Herman Martinez and Coach Danny Ramos. (SDN Staff Photo)

Ripken announces retirement

BALTIMORE (AP) — The decision gnawed at Cal Ripken for weeks until he decided there was no reason to avoid the inevitable.

Ripken, who played in more consecutive games than anyone in baseball history, said Monday night he will retire after this season.

"It's something that Cal has been working through and agonizing over. There's been a lot of thought, but the timing just felt right," Ripken spokesman John Maroon said.

Ripken, who turns 41 in August, revealed his decision earlier in the day to The Washington Post.

"It's inevitable that you can't play forever," the Baltimore third baseman told the Post. "I've maximized my window of opportunity as well as anyone. (Baseball) has given me a lot of joy and happiness and satisfaction. I'm proud of what I've been able to do."

Ripken's most notable accomplishment was playing in 2,632 straight games from May 30, 1982 to Sept. 20, 1998, when he voluntarily ended the streak. At the time, Ripken said he chose to sit down because he feared his Iron Man run was a distraction to the Orioles.

His passion for the team he grew up rooting for, and the one his father once managed and coached, also played a role in Ripken's decision to retire after his 21st season, all with Baltimore. He was reduced to a part-time role this year because of the team's transition toward youth.

"He has a great deal of respect with the way the Orioles are going about their business," Maroon said. "He sees the team rebuilding, and he doesn't want to inhibit their progress."

Ripken's desire to spend more time with his family and to further involve himself in a youth baseball facility in his hometown of Aberdeen, Md., were also factors.

Ripken agonized over the decision, which he initially arrived at weeks ago. But he delayed making an announcement, just in case he changed his mind.

A few more weeks of bench time, in addition to his failure to lift his average over .220, solidified his conviction.

Ripken broke Lou Gehrig's seemingly unbreakable record of 2,130 consecutive games on Sept. 6, 1995. In the days leading to that day, he was honored in baseball cities throughout the country. When he broke the record, the celebration became a national event.

Ripken is hitting .210 this year, with four homers and 25 RBIs. At least he's been healthy — he played in a combined 169 games the previous two seasons because of a bad lower back.

Ripken is also one of seven players in major league history with 3,000 hits (3,107) and 400 home runs (421).

Snyder senior fires 79 to win junior event

ABILENE — Snyder's Andra Lancaster added another links title to her collection Monday at the North Texas PGA Junior Tour Event at Abilene Country Club.

Lancaster, a senior at Snyder High School, fired a 79 to win the one-day event by five shots.

The win comes on the heels of her victory last week in the NTPGA junior event at Snyder Country Club.

Sports Whirl

By SDN Sports Editor Eric Drennan

During these lazy days of summer, it's nice to know that the Snyder Tigers' football season opener is only 10 weeks away, and each passing day we get a little closer to kickoff.

In Western Texas' bid for a national rodeo title, the Westerners were one bucking horse short of a crown.

Southern Idaho overtook WTC for the top spot at national finals during Saturday's short round, and WTC coach Greg Rhodes believes the difference might have been the luck of the draw.

"I think if Trevor's (LaValley) horse wouldn't have cut a trail on him on Saturday, then it might have been a different story," said Rhodes. "Trevor still scored 71 points on the ride, but it was all because of him. The horse just wouldn't buck."

LaValley finished fifth overall in the bareback riding, but a better horse in the finals would have moved him up in the standings and added points for the Westerners.

"We didn't win the title, but we didn't do anything to lose it either," Rhodes remarked. "Our people did everything right. It's just the luck of the draw sometimes."

Even without the crown, WTC's accomplishments are impressive.

This year's squad earned $16,500 in scholarship money from the Copenhagen/Skoal Scholarship Foundation, and LaValley was one of only three competitors to earn Academic All-America honors. Houston Hutto also captured his second consecutive calf roping title.

WTC now has 13 team or individual national titles to its credit. Even more impressive is the fact that only seven of those titles came in the 25 years prior to Rhodes' arrival. The other six championships are all within the past four years.

There's a new baseball coach at Andrews High School.

Rodney Gardner, who spent the past few seasons at Abernathy, will take over for long-time Mustangs coach Joe Ray Halsey.

Like Halsey's resignation, the hiring of Gardner came as somewhat of a surprise considering the list of applicants. Among those who applied, but not interviewed were coaches from Corpus Christi Carroll, Euless Trinity, Brownwood, Monahans and West Texas A&M.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The single-minded search for a cancer cure has shortchanged patients who need pain relief and better physical and emotional care throughout their treatment, a National Academy of Sciences advisory panel said today.

The National Cancer Policy Board issued recommendations seeking to improve what it calls palliative care of cancer patients — care focusing on controlling pain and psychological, social and spiritual stress.

"There's much that needs to be done," reflected Elizabeth Clark, who watched her sister battle cancer for 13 years before dying four years ago.

This type of care has been a neglected area, she said, especially the social needs of patients and their families. "That's one that needs a great deal of attention, even if we get pain under control.

"There were times when my sister's care was wonderful and there were times when it did not meet her needs," said Clark.

"There are many examples of people whose pain is not managed well at the end of life," she added. When another relative lay dying, she said, "it took a while to get the doctor to agree to prescribe the level of pain medication needed."

The doctor was afraid of giving an overdose, she said, "but the man was dying in tremendous pain."

"There are times when people need an advocate to get the care they need," said Clark, head of the National Association of Social Workers.

Ellen Stovall, a member of the panel that wrote the report and president of the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship, said the study "is very specifically focused on ... managing and controlling the side effects, symptoms and sometimes the disease itself. It basically says we should be always delivering the most appropriate care for people with cancer."

While advances have been made in curing some cancers, half of all patients diagnosed with the disease will die within a few years, a toll of more than a half-million American lives annually, said the panel.

"In accepting a single-minded focus on research toward cure, we have inadvertently devalued the critical need to care for and support patients with advanced disease and their families," the board said in its report.

As a result cancer patients with significant distress "ranging from existential anguish to anxiety and depression" are not readily identified and given treatment.

911 tape released in boy's drowning at Lee's home

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A distraught Tommy Lee told a 911 dispatcher that a 4-year-old boy who drowned in his pool wasn't breathing when he was found.

In a seven-minute tape released Monday by the Los Angeles County Fire Department, the former Motley Crue drummer requested an ambulance, then stayed on the phone while the dispatcher attempted to determine whether the boy was breathing.

"There's a big pool party here and no one was paying attention for a minute," Lee anxiously told the dispatcher about Saturday's drowning of Daniel Karven Veres, who was found floating face down in the shallow end of Lee's pool.

"He's not breathing. He's throwing up but he's not breathing," Lee said at one point.

"He's not responding," Lee said a moment later.

Then: "He's just, he's just laying there."

Daniel, the son of television producer James Veres and actress Ursula Karven, was a guest at a birthday party for one of Lee's two sons at the musician's home in the mountains above Malibu.

"It was a birthday party like a million other birthday parties and obviously there wasn't enough help at the pool," Veres, who didn't attend the party, said Sunday. "It's inexcusable and just amazing to me."

The 911 dispatcher told Lee to turn the vomiting boy on his left side. After Lee said the boy was not breathing, the dispatcher began to instruct him on CPR.

Lee attempted to relay the instructions to people surrounding Daniel, but had difficulty getting control of the others.

"Everybody's pressing on him," Lee said. "There's a bunch of (expletive) people here all, you know, doing their thing so I don't know what to (expletive) (unintelligible)."

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Colorado therapists get 16 years for 'rebirthing' death

GOLDEN, Colo. (AP) — Two therapists received the minimum prison term for their roles in the suffocation of a 10-year-old girl who died while wrapped in blankets during a "rebirthing" session.

Connell Watkins, 54, and Julie Ponder, 40, were sentenced to 16 years Monday in the death of Candace Newmaker. They could have faced the maximum of 48 years behind bars.

"I failed Candace and I failed her mother," Watkins told Judge Jane Tidball. "It's been over a year now that I have been experiencing the dark night of my soul."

The girl was covered in blankets and pillows meant to simulate the womb and was encouraged to push her way out during the April 2000 session. Therapists hoped she would emerge "reborn" to bond with her adoptive mother.

A videotape of the 70-minute therapy session was shown to the jury. Four adults leaned on Candace with pillows, applying several hundred pounds of pressure. A coroner concluded she died from asphyxiation.

"I have to live the rest of my life knowing that Candace was dying next to me and I wasn't aware of it," Ponder told Tidball.

The girl had been diagnosed with attachment disorder, in which children resist forming loving relationships and are violent and unmanageable.

Colorado has since outlawed the New Age form of therapy.

Prosecutors had argued for the maximum sentence for both women. They said Watkins showed little regret, while Ponder was the proclaimed expert in rebirthing and could have stopped it any time.

The judge noted that neither woman had a criminal record and said there was no indication they meant to hurt Candace. Tidball said even the 16-year sentence would send a powerful message to other therapists.

David Davis, the husband of Candace's biological grandmother, said from his home in North Carolina that he was angry the therapists were not sentenced to more time.

"It's like a drunk driver when they hit somebody. They may not have intended to but the other person is just as dead," Davis said.

Candace's adoptive mother, Jeane Newmaker, of Durham, N.C., is scheduled to go on trial in November on charges of criminally negligent child abuse. Watkins' office manager and an intern await trial in September.

On the Net:
Attachment Disorder Support Group: http://www.syix.com/adsg

Day-care owner, husband indicted

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — The owner of a day-care center and her husband are among 10 people indicted for using the business as a front to distribute millions of dollars worth of marijuana.

The indictment comes two months after the last of eight others accused in the conspiracy to run drugs from Houston to Mobile pleaded guilty in federal court.

The Mobile Register reported on the 31-count indictment unsealed recently by a federal judge in today's editions.

Prosecutors believe Marcshall Taylor Sanders, her husband and others plotted to establish Wee Care Daycare Learning Center on Mobile's Broad Street to hide profits from marijuana sales.

Prosecutors say more than two tons of the drug were smuggled between 1995 and early this year. The indictment alleges participants are guilty of drug trafficking, money laundering, racketeering and perjury before a grand jury.

Named in the document are: Sanders; her husband Tommie Lee Sanders; Joseph Patterson; Byron York; Clarence Hughes; Byron Moncrief; Barry Lamar Riley; Sharon Williams; Maria Childress and Norman Whitlock.

The Sanderses are from Prichard and the rest are Mobile residents.

The Sanderses, Patterson and Williams were being held in Mobile County Metro Jail Monday and were scheduled to appear before U.S. Magistrate William Cassady today.

At least five of the other defendants had not been arrested late Monday, said acting U.S. Attorney Ginny Granade. One defendant might be in custody out of state, she said.

Apparently, none of the 10 defendants had lawyers late Monday.

The eight who pleaded guilty earlier in the case are scheduled to be sentenced in late June and July.

The defendants in the most recent indictment, except Marcshall Sanders, face possible life prison terms if convicted on all charges.

The five money-laundering counts against Marcshall Sanders each carry a sentence of up to 20 years in prison.

In the two indictments, prosecutors portray Tommie Sanders and Pardre. Gomez Lockett, of Mobile, as the ring's organizers.

Officials believe the conspiracy involved frequent wire transfers of large amounts of cash to unidentified co-conspirators in Houston.

The most recent indictment also mentions cash transfers to a lawyer in Nacogdoches, Texas and to someone in Lake Charles, La.

Nutrition by Dr. Blonz

Safe Grains

Dear Dr. Blonz: Would you please address the dietary restrictions of celiac disease? I am a Type 1 diabetic and will find it very challenging, I think, to coordinate the necessary dietary restrictions of these two diseases. I would like to know whether lactose intolerance is connected to celiac sprue. Are grains such as amaranth and quinoa allowed? Malt is on my list of "not allowed" foods, but how about malt flavoring, such as that found in cold cereals like Rice Krispies and Rice Chex? Thank you for any help you can offer. — **C.H.**

Dear C.H.: Celiac disease is a condition in which there is an acute intolerance of gluten, a complex protein found in wheat, barley, rye and oats. In wheat flour, for example, gluten's elastic properties contribute springiness to the texture of dough and baked goods. In a sensitive individual, though, the presence of gluten can disrupt the absorptive surface of the intestines. The symptoms of the intolerance, which affects about one out of every 2,000 people, vary from a mild upset stomach to a serious condition in which the digestive system can no longer process and absorb food.

Medical tests can confirm whether a gluten intolerance is present. The only known treatment is to avoid all food containing gluten. Once the gluten is removed from the diet, the symptoms usually disappear.

An individual with celiac disease has the same nutrient requirements as anyone else. One can put together a healthy and delicious diet without gluten, but it takes some planning and information to learn how to do it. Anyone who thinks he might be affected should contact a health professional.

Lactose intolerance (the inability to digest the lactose carbohydrate found in milk products) can be related to celiac disease. When the disease is active, the body may have trouble digesting the lactose (along with other foods). Once the disease is under control, things should return to normal, but it may take some time. If, however, an individual customarily suffers from lactose intolerance, the conditions will coexist.

According to my sources, quinoa (pronounced KEEN-wah) and amaranth are gluten-free, but there are anecdotal reports that individuals have reacted to these foods. It is unclear whether these reactions were to the grain itself, to the presence of gluten in the grain, or to individual differences in the way celiac disease expresses itself. Reports, regardless of their degree of scientific accuracy, tend to get spread around. My conclusion is that it is difficult to classify these foods as safe or unsafe with complete confidence, so be careful.

Malt, which usually comes from barley, does indeed belong on your "To Avoid" list. Because malt flavoring comes from the same source, it should also be included on that list. But malt flavoring is a minor ingredient in Rice Krispies and Rice Chex. It is unclear whether there would be a sufficient amount in a bowl of cereal to provoke an attack. Again, it comes down to your understanding of the nature and severity of your disease. There is, by the way, a malt that's derived from corn, but that is not what is used in the products you mention.

It is important to keep in touch with the health professional who is overseeing your situation. In addition, there are a number of excellent self-help organizations from which you can get more information and find support groups, cookbooks and a host of gluten-free products. These include The Celiac Sprue Association, P.O. Box 31700, Omaha, NE 68131-0700 (http://www.csaceliacs.org); The Gluten Intolerance Group, 15110 Tenth Avenue S.W., Suite A, Seattle, WA 98166 (http://www.gluten.net); and The Celiac Disease Foundation, 13251 Ventura Boulevard No. 1, Studio City, CA 91604 (http://www.celiac.org).

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Because of the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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Alligator sought in Central Park lake

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The legend of the Florida alligator in New York City has slithered back to life in Central Park. And no, it's not a crock.

At an estimated at 18 to 24 inches long, the reptile was seen lurking in the waters and shoreline reeds at the Harlem Meer, a small lake in the park's northeast corner.

As many as 25 people reported spotting the reptile late Saturday. Among them were an off-duty police officer and his two daughters, several city employees and park management workers.

"One person grabbed it by the tail and flung it on the ground, but the noise and confusion apparently drove it back into the water," said Anne Hagan, spokeswoman for the park's private management.

Summoned to help, police sealed off an area with yellow crime-scene tape and launched a boat, with one officer carrying a noose-like device.

The alligator-in-New York story dates from a time when visitors to Florida shipped baby alligators back to friends in Gotham, who then allegedly dumped them when they grew too large or the novelty wore off.

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House explosion in Big Spring claims woman

BIG SPRING (AP) — A West Texas woman died in an early-morning home explosion that damaged more than 20 other dwellings and could be heard more than eight miles away.

June Carothers was killed Monday when her home exploded and burst into flames.

As splintered debris showered across the block, the 75-year-old woman's neighbors were shaken from their beds. Shane Mayhall saw a stream of gas or fuel shooting 20 to 25 feet into the darkness from the back of the house.

"I heard the boom. I saw it (the home) on fire," Mayhall, 37, said. "To me, it looked like a gas fire."

Fire inspectors today were still trying to determine the cause of the blast, which also destroyed a second home.

Police evacuated residents after the 3 a.m. blast in the neighborhood, where a house was blown off its foundation. At Mayhall's home, across the street from the blast, the garage door was blown in. Other residents sustained severe damage.

"The first thing I thought was that a jet crashed," another neighbor, John Lyons, said. "I looked out my front door and saw a big fireball. It scared you to look outside."

Energas employees and the Texas Railroad Commission were also investigating the blast.

"Any time there is a fire-related death, there is a whole lot more detail that has to be done to get to the conclusion of what happened," Fire Chief Brian Jensen said. "You literally have to sift through it piece by piece."

City Fire Marshal Carl Condray said lumber and other debris was scattered up to 70 yards. Carothers' bathroom medicine chest and bathroom mirror was blasted across the street to Craig Norman's front yard.

Norman saw a rescuer enter the home of Carothers' neighbor and pull a woman from the house. It had been set ablaze by Carothers' burning home.

"It (the explosion) was in a low spot, and pressure waves radiated out," Jensen said. "Windows were actually sucked out of homes due to the vacuum the explosion created."

Lightning awareness campaign begins

WASHINGTON (AP) — Michael Utley doesn't remember it, but witnesses say the lightning bolt blew his shoes off. Paramedics brought him back to life twice on the way to a hospital after the blast at a Cape Cod golf course last spring.

Utley, who still needs a cane to walk, is joining government weather experts and the Professional Golfers Association to launch a lightning awareness campaign.

Lightning is a particular threat to golfers and other outdoor sporting participants. Indeed, golfer Lee Trevino was struck in 1975 while playing in Chicago.

But ultimately, the unexpected bolt from the blue is a threat to anyone, and experts warn that lightning can strike as much as 10 miles from the rainstorm.

"If you can hear thunder from a storm, chances are that you are within striking distance," the National Weather Service says.

"All thunderstorms have the potential to produce lightning, so it's up to all of us to heed the warnings," Scott Gudes, acting director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, said in a statement.

Dr. Mary Ann Cooper, director of the Lightning Injury Research Program at the University of Illinois in Chicago, added: "You have to be lightning aware whenever you're outdoors."

She said Utley's story mirrors the 90 percent of lightning-strike victims who survive but live to face difficult challenges.

"The most damaging consequences of a lightning strike are seen in the lives of the survivors," Cooper said. "Many survivors must relearn basic motor skills. Michael Utley is a miracle. He beat all of the odds by still being alive."

"My story should be a wake-up call for others about how dangerous and unpredictable lightning is," Utley said.

The lightning awareness effort was being launched today at a briefing during the Buick Classic Golf Tournament at Westchester Country Club in Harrison, N.Y.

Summer, thunderstorm season, is also the peak season for lightning, the National Weather Service reports.

"We can all learn something from the pros. The PGA Tour and its forecasters at The Weather Channel detect lightning and protect players and fans by postponing play at golf tournaments whenever lightning is in the area," Gudes said. "When lightning threatens, anyone outside should seek indoor shelter immediately."

"Lightning death statistics are startling," added PGA player Rocco Mediate. "Whether you're a golfer, or someone who just enjoys being outdoors, we can all guard against being hit. Education and preparation are key."

During the past 30 years, lightning strikes have killed an average of 73 people each year — more than the annual number of fatalities caused by tornadoes or hurricanes. In 2000, 51 were fatally hit by lightning, compared to 37 flood casualties and 29 tornado deaths.

Florida leads the nation in lightning strikes, with a daily average of more than 3,500, and ranks first in lightning-related deaths. Overall, 25 million cloud-to-ground lightning strikes occur in the United States each year.

And a person doesn't have to be struck directly to be hurt or killed. In addition to the visible flash through the air, the current also travels down trees or poles and along the ground.

On the Net:
NOAA Lightning safety page: http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov
The Weather Channel: http://weather.

Lightning safety tips

By The Associated Press

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is launching a lightning awareness campaign, seeking to help people avoid being struck.

Some of their safety tips include:

—If a thunderstorm threatens, go quickly inside a completely enclosed building, not a carport, open garage or covered patio. If no enclosed building is convenient, get inside a hard-topped all-metal vehicle.

—Do not take shelter under a tree.

—Avoid being the tallest object in the area. If only isolated trees are nearby, crouch on the balls of your feet in the open, keeping twice as far away from a tree as it is tall.

—Avoid leaning against vehicles. Get off bicycles and motorcycles.

—Get out of the water ... off the beach and out of small boats or canoes. If caught in a boat, crouch down in the center of the boat away from metal hardware. Avoid standing in puddles of water, even if wearing rubber boots.

—Stay away from wire fences, metal clothes lines, exposed sheds and electrically conductive objects. Do not use metal objects like golf clubs, fishing rods, tennis rackets or tools.

—Do not use corded phones.

—Avoid contact with electrical equipment or cords. If you plan to unplug any electronic equipment, do so well before the storm arrives.

—Avoid contact with plumbing. Do not wash your hands, do not take a shower, do not wash dishes.

—Stay away from windows and doors, and stay off porches.

—Do not lie on concrete floors and do not lean against concrete walls.

Former investigator indicted for theft

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A former West Texas chief investigator indicted for stealing framed artwork from a Central Texas hotel says he took the prints as a prank.

Terry Tyree of Odessa was indicted by a Kerrville grand jury last week on a misdemeanor charge of theft for taking two cowboy-motif prints by Kerrville artist Robert Pummill from Inn of the Hills.

Tyree, 55, is accused of stealing the artwork on Feb. 9, while staying at the hotel to attend a seminar of the Texas Association of District and County Attorneys.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Term 'brain drain' needs defining

DEAR DR. GOTT: Following a motor vehicle accident, my 20-year-old niece required heroic life support in the hospital. Now, three months later, her doctors say she is brain dead. Please explain this term.

DEAR READER: Traditionally, people were considered to have died when their hearts stopped beating. In fact, for centuries, this was the legal definition of death. Now, however, with the advent of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (maintaining a person's pulse by external chest compressions), cardiac pacemakers and heart surgery (during which the heart's beating is suspended), doctors have had to revise their outdated definition of death.

In our modern world, a person is judged to have died when brain function ceases, even though his or her other organs are kept alive by artificial means, such as respirators, dialysis and electronic cardiac pacemakers. Thus, a patient can legally be pronounced dead when the brain is dead. Note that this is not merely unconsciousness. Brain death is diagnosed by a series of abnormal electroencephalographic (brain wave) tests.

Such a distinction is important and has provided extensive work for the legal profession, starting in earnest some years ago with the Karen Ann Quinlan case. She was kept alive artificially with machines for several months before her family petitioned a New Jersey court to declare her brain dead and allow the doctors to disconnect her life-support system. (Interestingly, Quinlan survived for an unexpectedly long time without life support.)

Evidently, your niece's accident was a terrible catastrophe that resulted in legal (nonfunctioning brain) death, although her other vital body functions are being maintained by machines. Now someone is going to have to decide whether she should be kept "alive" or allowed to die.

This vital issue affects us all, regardless of age, socioeconomic status or any other factor. Many healthy adults are concerned that — after an unforeseen calamity, such as a stroke or serious injury — they will be kept alive in a so-called vegetative state without hope of recovery. This fear has led to a renewed interest in living wills, documents that express a legally competent person's wishes about whether he or she should be kept alive artificially if there is no chance of recovery. Here is one area where medical technology has outstripped customary, ethical guidelines.

Several surveys have shown that most people, if given the option, would choose a painless, humane death, in contrast to a prolonged, comatose, shadowy existence, hooked up to life-support systems.

The concept of brain death makes these decisions easier because, once it has occurred, the patient is legally dead. Thus, turning off the machines is not a cause of death. Rather, this act becomes — if you will — a way of discontinuing interference in a normal, terminal process.

The issue we all have to address, sooner or later, is whether we want to prolong life — or, as is so often the case, prolong death. While we may debate the semantics of such a decision, I suspect that each of us, in his or her own heart, understands the moral, ethical, practical — and, yes, the financial — implications of it. And that is where living wills are so invaluable.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Wednesday, June 20

A prolonged cycle of unusual achievements could be put into play in the year ahead. As a result, material aspirations to which you've aspired will be realized. A pal may play a role your success.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — A more prominent role in an involvement you have with friends is destined to be fulfilled today, if you'll let it. It may have broader ramifications than you realize. Gemini, treat yourself to a birthday gift. **Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.**

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Don't worry about not having as much direct control over things today as you'd like, because the end results could prove to be remarkably advantageous for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — What could prove to be the most successful for you today are projects that are large in scope, so don't let size or people with clout intimidate you. They're your lucky charm.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If you make the slightest effort today, Lady Luck will jump on board and make it possible for you to achieve success in obtaining an objective that you felt was beyond your reach.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Conditions concerning your social communications could begin to show a marked improvement today. That conversation you thought would never take place could happen at this time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Hear out any person who wants to talk to you today about a business proposal or personal investment. It might turn out to be the deal of a lifetime.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Do not discount things that come easily today, because your greatest asset will be your ability to make on-the-spot decisions. Optimism **enhances your success.**

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Be prepared to act immediately today should something opportune develop for you concerning your work or career. It could be the type of break that comes and goes very quickly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Creative ideas that flash through your head today should not be treated with indifference. Even if you can't use them now, commit them to paper, because they'll be winners one day.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Persistency will be the secret today for making everything fall into place. Once you put the pedal to the metal, roadblocks could suddenly open up and give you the advantage you need.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — A coalition you need to put together for a situation that requires a team effort might fall in you lap today. It will serve as the catalyst that brings everyone together for a common cause.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You may be on to something today that could increase your earnings or holdings. If you sense that you're on the right track, do it now while you have the Midas touch.

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Seven militant Islamists rounded up

SAN'A, Yemen (AP) — Yemeni authorities have rounded up seven members of a militant Muslim group, security officials said today, amid reports that authorities had uncovered a plot against American personnel investigating the attack on the USS Cole.

The arrests began about two weeks ago with the detention of four members of the Aden-Abyan Islamic Army, including an activist who fought in Afghanistan against the Soviets in the 1980s, according to the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Three other members of the group were detained four days ago, said the officials. They did not say why the seven men were arrested.

The group is mostly made up of activists who had fought with Saudi exile and suspected terrorist Osama bin Laden against Soviet forces in Afghanistan.

U.S. Ambassador Barbara Bodine declined to comment on the arrests.

The arrests were first reported by The Washington Post and The New York Times, which both cited U.S. officials. ABC and NBC also reported on the news. Some of the reports placed the number of arrests at nine, others at 10.

The Post said nine people were arrested after being found with hand grenades, small arms and documents including a map of the U.S. Embassy in San'a, Yemen's capital.

The suspects were believed to be planning a suicide bombing attack against the embassy, the Times reported. The planned attack was an effort to kill FBI and U.S. Navy investigators, the Times report said.

In Washington, FBI spokesman Bill Carter and State Department spokesman Richard Boucher declined comment on the reports late Monday.

Earlier, FBI and State Department officials said that FBI agents investigating the October bombing of the Cole had been pulled out of the country because of a security threat. The team left Sunday.

"There was a specific and credible threat that called for removal from the country," Carter said.

He said the investigators were relocated to a neighboring country. He would not disclose the nature of the threats in Yemen, how many agents were removed or where the team was taken.

President Bush, speaking to reporters before meeting with Secretary of State Colin Powell, refused to talk about the incident. "Once we finish our investigation, our government would be willing to discuss that," he said.

The move follows a June 9 State Department warning of an increased threat of terrorism against Americans and U.S. interests in Yemen. The department authorized non-emergency embassy staff and their families to leave the country.

Sharon sets unannounced visit to U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel will make an unannounced visit to Washington next week with expectations he will meet with both President Bush and Secretary of State Colin Powell.

The main item on the agenda is the decline in violence in the region and whether the time is right to take steps toward a resumption of negotiations with the Palestinians.

While Bush and Powell have backed Sharon in his demand that Yasser Arafat call a halt to attacks on Israel there is an element of disagreement on the requisite conditions for moving forward.

Sharon wants a total halt; the Bush administration wants a sharp and lasting decline in attacks before taking other steps.

Also on the agenda is Sharon's willingness to severely restrict construction of homes for Jews on the West Bank and in Gaza — and the possibility that he has not gone far enough to suit Arafat.

Sharon has said construction will stop within the confines of existing settlements. Arafat wants a total freeze, and has the backing of a fact-finding commission headed by former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, whose recommendations have been embraced without qualification by the State Department.

Sharon is due in Washington June 26, diplomatic sources said. His talks may go into the following day.

Two days later, Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Maher el-Sayed will pay a call on Powell at the State Department.

The prime minister was the first Middle East leader to meet with Bush. Arafat has not been invited to the White House and is drawing considerably less attention than he did from former President Clinton.

Powell said Sunday that despite a reduction in Middle East violence, "We need a lot more progress.

"The violence has gone down. It hasn't stopped," Powell said.

"We will reach a point where we'll have to a make a judgment whether or not we have seen enough to move forward. Right now we're not there yet, but I hope we're getting closer," he said.

An Israeli motorist was killed in a shooting ambush in the West Bank Monday, and Sharon said he would not start the clock on a six-week "cooling-off period," a precursor to peace talks, until attacks stop.

Sharon also promised not to abandon a U.S.-sponsored ceasefire that went into effect nearly a week ago.

12-year-old break into home, steals jewelry

•Burglary

Jean Richardson requested an officer at 2900 Ave. X at 9:15 a.m. Monday in reference to a house being broken into. Officers have identified a 12-year-old male as the person breaking into the home and taking jewelry. The case has been referred to juvenile authorities.

•Theft

Ruben Sosa, 2704 Ave.W, called police at 3 p.m. Monday to report the theft of eight pitbull puppies. Seven of the puppies were black and one was a chocolate-red mix. The litter consisted of four males and four females. An offense report for Class A theft was submitted.

•Arrests

A 30-year-old man was arrested just after 7 p.m. Monday for no drivers license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, no valid inspection sticker and two outstanding warrants for failure to appear.

At 7:40 p.m. Monday police arrested a 26-year-old man on a warrant for parole violation. Taken into custody was Ruben Garza, 25, of 1034 N. Ave. L.

•911 hang-up

Dispatchers received a 911 hang-up call from a residence on 23rd Street at 12:21 this morning. Officers responded and made contact with a man and his wife who admitted to having a verbal disagreement, but advised that no assault had occurred. The couple was separated for the night. The man was transported to his brother's house.

•Officer requested

Boot Camp Drill Sgt. Presley requested to speak to an officer in reference to a juvenile runaway at 5:52 a.m. today. Officers located the girl at another residence and transported her back to her parents' house.

•Fire notes

The fire department responded to two calls on Monday.

At 2:41 p.m., five trucks and 10 firefighters extinguished a fire on a Kinder Morgan lease near CR 264. Approximately 15 acres were burned and the cause of the fire is unknown.

At 7:30 p.m., five acres of CRP land were burned at a location on CR 464. Cause of the five was an exploding aerosol can in a burning trash can behind Larry Bills' house that spread to the grass. Three trucks and 12 firefighters responded.

Under investigation

A person told officers at 4:24 this morning that a large television set was in the middle of Coliseum Drive near the Phillips 66 station. It was determined that the TV came from the Palomar Motel. No reports had been filed in the investigation as of this morning.

Obituaries

Troy Bentley

1921-2001

William Troy Bentley, a native of Scurry County, died at 3:34 p.m. Monday, June 18, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Bentley, 80, is set for 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Lloyd Stice, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Post, and the Rev. Tom Woodard, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Bentley's family came to Scurry County in 1898 in a oxen-pulled wagon, settling in a half dugout west of Snyder. Mr. Bentley was born April 16, 1921. He married Margretta Thompson of Ira on July 20, 1947 in Snyder.

A longtime resident of Snyder, Mr. Bentley attended the Turner school through the seventh grade and then attended Snyder High School. He was part-owner of an auto parts store in Brownfield for 10 years and then he and his wife went to work as an inventory specialist for Carquest in San Antonio for 15 years, retiring in 1986.

They then moved to Tow near Lake Buchanan before returning to Snyder in 1994. He was a member of the Union United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Nellie Bentley, who died in an automobile accident on Sept. 3, 1955.

Survivors include his wife, Margretta Bentley of Snyder; two sons, Joe Wayne Bentley of San Angelo and William David Bentley and his wife, Suzanne, of Bulverde, Tex.; two sisters, Frances Maria Smith of Horseshoe Bay and Beuna Schultz of Union; two granddaughters, Michelle Pullin of San Antonio and Jennifer Sellers of Round Rock; and two great-granddaughters, Haylie and Laurne Pullin.

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Lucile Boykin

1912-2001

MIDLAND – Lucile Clark Boykin, the aunt of Chester Clark of Snyder, died Thursday, June 14, in a Midland nursing home.

A memorial service for Mrs. Boykin, 88, is set for 11 a.m. Wednesday in the St. Nicholas Episcopal Church.

Born Dec. 27, 1912 in Beaumont, she was reared in Beaumont and graduated from the University of Texas and earned her masters degree in library science from Louisiana State University.

She began her library career at South Park High School in Beaumont and served as librarian at the Midland County Library from 1945-53. For several years she was at the Decatur, Ill., public library before returning to Midland High School until her retirement in 1976.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, James W. Carroll and a brother, Charles Clark.

She married Robert Boykin on June 15, 1972. He survives.

Survivors also include a stepson, Clark Boykin of Austin; a stepdaughter, Rosemary Magee of Corvallis, Ore.; and a sister-in-law, Thelma Clark of Midland.

Ruth Varner

1912-2001

Ruth Varner, the mother of Clara Denny of Snyder, died Monday, June 18, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

The body was cremated and a memorial service will be held later. Arrangements are under the direction of Cate-Spencer & Trent Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 13, 1912 in Indianapolis, Ind., Mrs. Varner was a former resident of Sweetwater.

She is survived by another daughter, Virginia Akin of Sweetwater; and one son, John F. Denny of Bangor, Wis.

Helen Nuchia

1918-2001

BEAUMONT – Helen Nuchia, 82, the mother of Mary D. Price of Snyder, died Monday, June 18, in Beaumont.

Services are pending at Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

Hospital

Admissions: Margaret Browning, Shanna Porter, Carmen Romero and James Patterson.

Dismissals: Gerald Short, Ruth Varner, Kristianne Street of Corpus Christi, Kenneth Kellner of Ira and Floy Kimzey of Hermleigh.

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ONGOINGS

Head Start registration

Scurry County Head Start is holding fall registration from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. this week through Wednesday. For more information, call 573-7403.

First Baptist VBS

"Truth Trackers" is the theme for Vacation Bible School underway at First Baptist Church from 9 a.m. until noon this week through Friday. VBS is for kindergarten through those who have completed 6th grade.

Mesquite Country Emmaus

The Mesquite Country Emmaus will hold a community meeting at 7 this evening.

Children's Saturday fun time

Children's Saturday fun time will be held at Avenue D Baptist Church at 10 a.m. on Saturdays throughout the summer. All children are invited. Puppets and snow cones will be part of the fun. For more information, call 573-0971 or 573-6878.

Class of 1971 reunion

Snyder High School's class of 1971 will have its 30-year reunion Saturday at Snyder Country Club. Members of other classes may visit after 9 p.m. at a cost of $5 per person. For more information, call Lou McMillan at 573-5131 or Nancy Wilson at 573-3234.

MAWC Sunday luncheon

Martha Ann Woman's Club will host a luncheon Sunday starting at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are $10 for adults and $4 per child and may be purchased by calling MAWC at 573-3427, Jan at 573-6443 or Jane at 573-5586. Proceeds are used to maintain the woman's club facilities.

Biker Sunday

The second annual Biker Sunday will be Sunday at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Services start at 10:45 a.m. and there will be bike rodeo games, door prizes, free food and a live band.

SHS football booster club

The SHS football booster club will meet at 7 p.m. next Tuesday in the film room of the field house. Upcoming fundraisers will be discussed and all parents are urged to attend.

Steer validations

The 2001-2002 steer validations will be at 6 p.m. next Tuesday. It will be held at the Ricky Miller residence on Round Top Road. Tags must be paid for at this time, and a parent should be present for the necessary signatures. Exhibitor's social security numbers will also be required. For all new feeders, a hair care and management demonstration will be held during the validation process.

Certified nurses aide course

Snyder Oaks Care Center will hold a certified nurses aide course of 75 hours beginning June 30. The class will meet 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 573-9377 or Maggie Barnes at 863-2426.

Christian concert

Christian singers, Mercy Me, Jonathan Moore and Macy Hill, will be live in concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, July 1, at the Scurry County Coliseum. Tickets are $5 for general admission and $7 for floor seating. Tickets are available at The Rest Stop. For more information, contact Becky at 573-1517.

Senior water aerobics

Senior water aerobics at the WTC pool will be from 11 a.m. until noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Bobbie Taylor at 573-7144 or the Senior Center at 573-4035.

WTC swimming pool

The WTC swimming pool is open for public use. Lap swimming: M-TH 6:30-8 a.m. Open swimming: M-TH 2-5 p.m. Cost is $3 per person or $50 for a semester pass. The pool is also available for parties on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, contact Mike Harrison at 573-8511, ext. 279.

Free lunch program

The free lunch program at Central Elementary continues through July 27. Meals will be served on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from noon until 1 p.m. All children who qualify for free lunches at school may eat. An adult accompanying a child will also be served. For more information, call 573-6915.

SHS 1986 reunion

The SHS class of 1986 will hold its reunion July 6-7. Classmates are still being contacted. Call Xalyn Harris Palacios at 574-3343 or 573-2148, or Mike McWilliams at 573-6543 for information on classmates.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information, call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakely Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Woman slashes kindergarten teacher in Japan, then flees

TOKYO (AP) — A woman with a kitchen knife forced her way into a Tokyo kindergarten today, slashing and wounding a teacher before fleeing, officials said.

The teacher, a 23-year-old woman, was cut on her hands and leg before the attacker fled, according to a police spokeswoman. The teacher was taken to the hospital, but her injuries were minor.

The school was not yet open for the day, and there were no children near the school's back gate, where the early morning attack occurred. Police said the attacker was believed to be a middle-aged woman.

Reports said she may also have attacked the teacher with a stick. No other details were available, and the motive was unknown. The attacker was still at large, several hours after the attack.

The kindergarten, attended by about 200 children, was closed after the incident and arriving children were sent home, said school official Naoko Ezawa.

today's slashing comes during heightened concern over the safety of Japan's schools, following the slaughter of the eight first- and second-grade children at a prestigious elementary school in a suburb of Osaka, in western Japan, less than two weeks ago.